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Chevron, Repsol, Shell, Mitsubishi, Itochu Corp and the Rio Tinto Mining Corporation. In his book 'Big Oil & Their Bankers', researcher Dean Henderson discovered that the Rothschilds and a clique of seven other banking families enjoy a controlling stake in the New York Federal Reserve Bank – the most powerful Fed bank and the heart of America's financial system. Other investigators believe the Rothschilds either control the city of London and the Bank of England, or own it outright, although this has been disputed. Do Rothschilds Control the World's Politicians? A handful of political figures, including several of America's founding fathers, warned about the threat posed by the rise of powerful banking clans in their day. In a letter to John Taylor in 1816, Thomas Jefferson characterized the US banking system as a "blot" in "all our constitutions, which, if not covered, will end in their destruction," and sweep away "the fortunes and morals of our citizens." 200 years on, Rothschild influence over world politicians has become impossible to conceal, with the family's prominent members rubbing shoulders with the likes of Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, Henry Kissinger, Margaret Thatcher, Francois Mitterrand, Petro Poroshenko, Emmanuel Macron, and others, either taking advantage of business connections and sheer economic and market power, or in Macron's case – hiring him as an investment banker before he began his political career. Do the Rothschilds Control the World? To suggest that the Rothschild family is so powerful that they control the planet's entire economic and political life and world events would be a stretch, not only due to the never-ending, largely silent struggle for resources and power with competitors, but the ever-shifting geopolitical balance of the modern world, which powerful banking elites might try to influence, but never control outright. Nonetheless, overlooking these 'shadow forces' actions, or worse, dismissing them as mere "conspiracy theories," risks an overly simplistic view on the events and processes taking place in the modern world.

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